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Sheriff asks commission to fence jail in

by Marvin McLain, Editor

Coffee County Sheriff Ben Moates appeared before the county commission requesting assistance in erecting a perimeter fence around the jail.

During Monday's meeting, Sheriff Moates explained to commission that the purpose of the fence was two-fold - for added security and to help deter the smuggling of contraband into prisoners.

Items such as cigarettes, alcohol

and even narcotics are sometimes thrown into areas to which "jail trustees" and "work release inmates" have access to. This "contraband" is then taken into the facility by these persons.

In addition to helping stop the flow of contraband, the jail will serve as another barrier a fleeing inmate would have to hurdle in order to escape the facility.

Sheriff Moates estimates that the proposed fence will cost approximately \$9,000. He told commissioners that his office could contribute \$2,000 toward the construction cost.

After a short discussion, commissioners agreed to consider the matter further by inspecting the jail and reviewing the sheriff's proposal.

Commissioners explained that the county did not have paving equipment, but they did agree to look into the situation and do what they could in assisting the organization with the project.

Representatives of the Elba Rescue Squad addressed the commission concerning a possible change.

Danny Jordan, spokesperson for the squad, asked commissioners to reconsider their policy of not allowing county personnel who are trained EMT's (Emergency Medical Technicians) to respond to emergencies while on the job either personally or as a member of a rescue squad.

Jordan told commissioners that a female employee with the county had been told, by her supervisor, that she could no longer respond to rescue calls while on the job. Reportedly, this person was told that this was a commission decision.

"We are not asking anything from the county that other businesses in the Elba area are not already doing," said Jordan. "We are asking that the county support us by allowing the use of one of its most valuable resources, medically trained county employees."

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TWO KILLED TWO INJURED... A tragic two-vehicle accident at Turners Crossroads (Intersection of Co. Rd. 603 and AL Hwy. 134) claimed the lives of two people and injured two others. The crash occurred shortly after 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, December 10. According to Sheriff Jimmie F. Kilcrease, age 83, and Evie Lee Rowe, age 73, of the Shiloh Community, died as a result of the crash. Both Fleming and Rowe were together in a 1984 Oldsmobile being driven by Fleming. Jimmy F. Kilcrease, 40, and Charlie MacAndrews, 40, both of Enterprise, were traveling in a 1989 Chevrolet pick-up. Kilcrease was reportedly driving the truck. Both MacAndrews and Kilcrease were taken to Medical Center Enterprise by rescue units from Ogg and Enterprise. Kilcrease was listed in guarded condition while MacAndrews was listed in stable condition. Both men were pronounced dead at the scene by Coffee County Deputy Coroner Stan Hobbs. The accident is being investigated by the Alabama State Troopers, the Alabama Department of Forensic Science, the 12th Judicial Circuit District Attorney's office, and the Coffee County Sheriff's Department.

New Brockton's council meeting smooth

by Marvin McLain, Editor

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By Ferrin Cox, Publisher

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The monthly Elba Water & Electric Board meeting Monday evening was short and sweet, once the payment of monthly bills were made.

The only problem which surfaced during this meeting was concern over the increased number of utility users on the "late" payment list. Board members wanted to know why there were so many (about 40) accounts on the delinquent list.

City Clerk Donnie Morrow reported the department was working with some who have unique problems, to get them paid up off the list. He said several others would have their utilities cut this week if

payment wasn't made.

The board members agreed that it is going to be necessary to get them when bills are not paid on time.

Monthly bills totaled \$26,583.15 for the month.

On a more pleasant side, the Board approved a one time \$75 December pay raise for all employees, track down the city approved last month.

The board also approved a 3.5% pay raise across the board, also tracking a pattern set by the city council last month.

The rental agreement with the cable TV franchise is due for renewal. Mayor James Grimes, wearing the hat of utility superintendent,

recommended the board increase the pole rental from \$7.50 to \$10.00. He said other area cities are charging at least \$12.50 per pole.

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BRINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

Sunday night, December 15th, Elba's own Bob Inman's story "The Summer of Ben Tyler" will be on the Hallmark Hall of Fame (CBS). We recognized two of the names in the movie ... James Woods and Elizabeth McGovern. Bob and wife Paulette have scheduled a trip to Elba right after Christmas, therefore friends need to either be in front of the tub Sunday night or get a friend to take it. It would be terribly embarrassing to have to tell Bob "Oops, I was watching cartoons, football game or whatever."

Lately we have seen Elba High School featured in some of those 30 second advertising slots on CNN, etc. In commanding Principal David Stokes on another Elba High accomplishment, we were told the videos were actually done by Elba High students! That made it doubly impressive. When slapping the younger generation as being a bunch of jerks, or whatever, there has to be exceptions made for some mighty smart young 'uns' around Elba who have the get-up-and-go to get them on their own!

We get into trouble writing about City of Elba bookkeeper and Chamber of Commerce man, Herby McCall. He will not agree that it is correct to spell his name Herbie. Our plans are to do better Herbie oops - y! Herby continues to point out that his favorite college football team, Troy State, is the best kept secret in the South. Last Saturday the Trojans won the game and the right to travel to Montana for a championship game this Saturday. Elba's Bo Boys plays on that team and reportedly had a good game Saturday. Apparently the whole team had a good game! Good luck Bo.

Opp's Mike DuBose was named head football coach at the University of Alabama on Monday of this week. It feels kinda weird, having stood on the sidelines and watched him play high school ball and now he is THE MAN in such a top notch program. By the way, Mike is a brother to Elba's Jim DuBose, who was in Tuscaloosa Monday for the official announcement of the worst kept secret in Alabama.

The saga of the Olympic bombing continues with a \$500,000 reward being offered by the FBI for information on the bombers. NBC has apparently paid Richard Jewel, who was once a suspect in the bombing, some money for something they said about him on TV. There are threats of suing a whole bunch of others who took this man apart like hungry dogs. We ain't in that group. Somehow, the only real evidence we ever heard was someone said that the man (Jewel) wanted to be a hero. Few would admit it, but also few would have the guts to stand up to such a bunch of losers in their life ... think about the Audie Murphy and John Wayne fans and now followers of Arnold whata's-his-name, and others who always win the fight, the war, the court case, the girl, the boy or whatever the prize is in that particular movie. Heck, we just wish everyone could be a hero at least once ... that is in the eyes of someone in addition to their young children!

The recycle project is already off and running for the City of Elba. The collection bins are built and ready. We urge Elba folks to support this project by saving cardboard, newspapers, magazines, brown grocery bags, aluminum cans, the cans and plastic bottles. For now it is a volunteer program. Just drop off your stuff behind the old high school once a week or so.

Iraq can now export oil in exchange for food and medicine, so says the United Nations. The Iraqi government cried about all their starving and sick children as their reason for requesting the UN ban on their exporting oil be lifted. Funny, but if they were so broke, just how were they funding the rebuilding of their huge military machine following Desert Storm?

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ELBA POLICE REPORT

DECEMBER 3 Thru DECEMBER 9, 1996



FROM THE HOUSE
Congressman
Terry Everett

Remaining Cabinet Vacancies Deserve Nation's Attention

The Elba Police Department, beginning Tuesday December 3, 1996, investigated the following incidents: one property damage, two thefts of property, one reckless endangerment, one unauthorized use of a vehicle, one dog bite, one burglary, two criminal mischief, three DUI's, and one trespassing.

Arrests made during the week were as follows: one for resisting arrest, one for attempting to elude, and one for driving under the influence of alcohol.

Traffic citations issued for the week were as follows: three for speeding, three for DUI, two for no driver's license, two for driver's license suspended, and one for suspended driver's license.

Daily activity highlights were as follows:

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3 - River stage - 7.72 feet (6:23 a.m.); Vehicle fire near New Ebenezer Church (3:51 p.m.); Routine activity.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4 - River stage - 4.53 feet (6:38 a.m.); Alarm at Southeast Alabama Gas District office (7:55 a.m.); Alarm at SouthTrust Bank (2:01 p.m.); Subject reported with a gun on U.S. Hwy 84E (6:06 p.m.); Subject reported with a gun on U.S. Hwy 84E (7:56 a.m.); Routine activity.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5 - River stage - 7.56 feet (6:49 a.m.); Alarm at Southeast Alabama Gas District office (7:55 a.m.); Alarm at SouthTrust Bank (2:01 p.m.); Subject reported with a gun on U.S. Hwy 84E (6:06 p.m.); Subject reported with a gun on U.S. Hwy 84E (7:56 a.m.); Routine activity.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6 - River stage - 7.56 feet (6:49 a.m.); River stage - 7.78 feet (6:39 a.m.); Disturbance reported on Adison St. (9:12 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Adison St. (10:15 a.m.); Burglary reported at the city's shop (1:16 p.m.); Rescue run from Medical Center Enterprise to a residence in Elba (3:42 p.m.); Wreck reported on AL 203 (by-pass) (7:19 p.m.); Routine activity.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7 - River stage - 6.01 feet (6:18 a.m.); Vehicular burglary at Bush's Trailer Court (7:29 a.m.); Disturbance reported on Jackson St. (5:00 a.m.); Disturbance reported on AL Hwy. 87N (5:21 p.m.); Disturbance reported in The Peoples Bank parking lot (10:14 p.m.); Routine activity.

Saturday, December 8 - River stage - 4.89 feet (6:41 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Reynolds St. (7:39 a.m.); Wreck (vehicle vs deer) reported on U. S. Hwy. 84E (9:38 p.m.); Rescue run to Morrow Village (6:26 p.m.); Routine activity.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9 - River stage - 4.89 feet (6:41 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Reynolds St. (7:39 a.m.); Wreck (vehicle vs deer) reported on U. S. Hwy. 84E (9:38 p.m.); Rescue run to Morrow Village (6:26 p.m.); Routine activity.

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ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following patients admitted during the time period of December 3 through December 9.

The following patients were admitted: John Kinney, Doy McDaniel, Lynn Hudson, Byron Mitchell, Carolyn Hudson, Irene Dorough, Kerr Tyson, Annie Marler, Willie McClain, Deleah Camley, Thee Mauldin, Ronnie Parker, Fay Grantham, Sara Chandler, Ray Hudson, Ronie Jordan, Gwen A. Rayborn, Dorothy Crowley, Tishie Davis, and Elaine Thomas.

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Mrs. Lena N. Grimes

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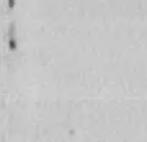
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New Arrival

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Alumni Reunion '97

Birmingham-Southern College will hold Alumni Reunion '97 on April 18-19, 1997. During the weekend alumni can visit with former classmates and professors, tour the campus, and attend the annual Luncheon which will feature the Distinguished Alumni Awards and entertainment by Southern Harmony. The classes of 1932, 1942, 1952, 1957, 1962, 1967, 1972, 1977, 1982, 1987, 1992 will be honored. For more information contact the Birmingham-Southern Alumni Office at 205-226-4909, or e-mail <jroberts@bsc.edu>.

Mrs. Lena N. Grimes was honored on November 10, 1996, for her 90th birthday during the morning worship services at New Ebenezer Baptist Church (Curris) where she has been a member for 70 years and presently serves as an usher. She was born on November 14, 1906 in Chipley, Florida. She married Moses L. Grimes in July, 1926, and moved to the Curtis Community where she still resides today.

The celebration on November 10th began with a special service read by Mrs. Grimes' daughter, Judy Fuller, followed by a presentation of red roses, and singing by the Jerry Fuller family. At the completion of the services, a covered dish luncheon was enjoyed by all.

A beautiful bouquet of flowers was placed in the church sanctuary in her honor by her Sunday School class.

Three of her children, Nelson Grimes of Jasper, AL, Donald Grimes of Tacoma, Washington, and Judy Fuller of Elba, AL and several grandchildren enjoyed the celebration with her.

Tiffany Marie Harrison

Bill and Jan of Jack, announce the adoption of their newborn daughter, Laura Kimberlin Murray.

Laura Kimberlin Murray was born October 21, 1996, at 3:35 p.m. at Southeast Medical Center, she weighed 8 lbs. 8 oz. and was 21 1/2 inches long. She was the granddaughter of Roy Dean and Carolyn Senn of Tarentum and Charles and Janet Harrison of Elba, and Norman and Elsa Wages of Andalusia. She was welcomed home by her big sister, Kayla.

Proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. L.G. Weeks of Montgomery, and Mrs. Elizabeth Murray of Ozark. A very special family friend, Debora Kimberlin, M.D. of Birmingham, also welcomed her namesake home.

Laura Kimberlin Murray

KARI MESCHELLE HURD

Jamie and Amy of Jack, announce the birth of their daughter, Kari Meschelle, on Sunday, October 20, 1996 at Flowers Hospital in Dothan. She weighed 8 lbs. 8 oz. and was 21 1/2 inches long.

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* * * Canned Food Drive * * *

by Bridget Money
Jim Turner (left) and Matthew Rich (right) are members the eighth grade FBLA who members are in Key Boarding Applications instructed by Mrs. Rachel Bryan. They are pictured with the collection of canned food that was collected on the day of the canned food drive sponsored by the Student Government Association (SGA). On the drive's first day, their class brought in the most canned food.

The canned food drive is for the kidney dialysis patients in Troy. These patients depend on these food items for their nutrition. Mrs. Bryan and Mrs. Westbrook who were first on the program because she scheduled her required to be somewhere else later in the day. Mrs. Westbrook said, "I am here to help in any way possible to help the value of education." Mrs. Westbrook said, "Learn all you can today because in the future you will wish you had." Mrs. Westbrook and the University of Montevallo. She worked in the accounting field for 25 years. In January she made a career change and became an agent for Woodmen of the World.

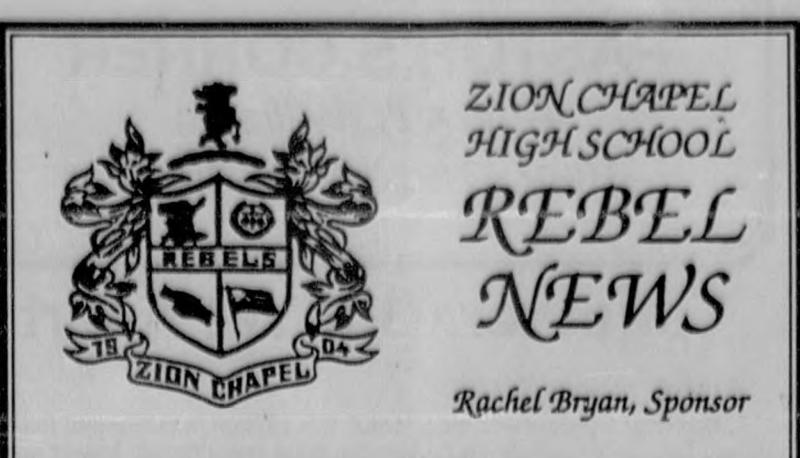
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As a result of these models, other students can better understand what conic sections are by having a tangible model instead of having to imagine what they are.

Heather Vaughan, Amber Shiver, Julie Carter, and Hama Whitt made the four models. Mrs. Lori McCrory is the instructor of advanced math.

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THE ELBA CLIPPER**



Westbrook Addresses FBLA

by Julie Carter
Mrs. Linda Westbrook, Coffee County Commissioner from District 1, and Bridget Money reported on the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA). Mrs. Westbrook spoke about her career in business and venture into local politics.

President Laura Williams called the meeting to order and introduced Mrs. Westbrook who was first on the program because she scheduled her required to be somewhere else later in the day. Mrs. Westbrook said, "I am here to help in any way possible to help the value of education." Mrs. Westbrook said, "Learn all you can today because in the future you will wish you had." Mrs. Westbrook and the University of Montevallo. She worked in the accounting field for 25 years. In January she made a career change and became an agent for Woodmen of the World.

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Buck Contest

by Ashley Thomas
Zion Chapel FFA is currently holding its annual Buck Contest. All ZC FFA members can enter. Deer head must be brought to Mr. John McCrory in the Agri-business Department so that they can be measured. The contest began on October 15 and will end on January 31. The heads will be judged by inside and outside spreads and circumference. The winner of the contest will receive a gun rack. Second and third prizes will be determined after all the deer are entered.

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Home Ec Thanksgiving Dinner

by Tiffany Lewis
A Thanksgiving Dinner was prepared by the members of the first period Home Economics Class under the supervision of Mrs. June Hobbs. The meal was served just before school was dismissed for the Thanksgiving Holidays.

The menu for the meal included turkey, dressing, beans, strawberry gelatin salad, whole kernel corn, dumplings, and dinner rolls. Dessert served were cheesecake and pie.

Other special guests for the meal were Mrs. Ruth Brown, superintendent of Coffee County Schools and Mrs. June Brown, supervisor of Special Education programs and elementary instruction. Other guests were Dr. Linda Ingram,

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Views from...

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Melanie went with me to the store one night last week and just had to get a big bag of Christmas-colored M & M's, but later in the week she was vowing never to eat an M & M again, as she bit down on a piece of the candy Tuesday night and broke a tooth. It was the next morning before she let us pull the very loose tooth; however, all was fine later that day and she ate a big bag of popcorn at the ballgame. M & M's? That may be a different story!

ELBA TIGERS IMPROVE BASKETBALL SLATE TO 5-1

The Elba Tigers continued their early-season success on the basketball court to 5-1, while Dale County improved their record to 5-1. Elba 8th grader Tim Ware came off the bench to score 18 points in the easy road win, while sophomore guard Courtney Robinson added 16 points. The Tigers don't have a lot of height, but they are aggressive all over the court and really hit the boards in an attempt to get every rebound. In their opening six games the Tigers haven't backed down from any challenge, and Coach Harrison Mims appears to have his troops ready to make a run at an area title. If the Tigers can maintain their early-season aggressiveness on both ends of the court, they could very well be on their way to their best season in years. It's still a little too early to tell, but one thing is for certain, the Tigers are a terrific start.

ELBA JUNIOR HIGH TEAMS ENJOYING SUCCESS

The Elba Junior High basketball teams have been hard at work for several weeks, and both the boys' and girls' teams are enjoying one of their best seasons in recent memory. The boys' team is off to a 4-2 start, and the fact a couple of players were involved in football, but the Tigers have won four straight games to push their record to 4-2, while the 8th grade Tigers own a 5-2 record, and the 7th grade Tigers stand at 4-0. The success at the junior high level also is evident in the girl's program, a 9th grade Lady Tigers boast a 5-2 record and the 8th grade Lady Tigers have yet to lose. The success of a varsity sport is dependent on a quality junior high program, if it looks like the basketball program at Elba High will be able to reap the benefits of just such a program in years to come.

BRANTLEY IN SPOTLIGHT AMONG AREA TEAMS

The high school basketball season is now in full swing across the area and the spotlight after two weeks of action is shining brightly on the Brantley Bulldogs. Here's a look at how the ball is bouncing in early-season basketball:

***BRANTLEY (2-0) - The Brantley Bulldogs are off to a fast 2-0 start after wins over Georgiana and J.U. Blacksher. The win over the 2A Panthers gave the Bulldogs an early start of confidence, while the Dogs made the Bulldogs Friday night by scoring over 100 points in an area win over J.U. Blacksher. Brantley has a young team, despite the return of numerous key players, and it will build the foundation slowly, very well be a team to be hopeful.

***NEW BROWNSTON (1-4) - The New Brownstock Gamecocks finally got in the win column Friday night with a big victory over Kinston, and the Gamecocks have to believe that things will start going their way pretty soon. The Gamecocks lost four close games to open the season, but showed signs of being a solid team, and will get more than its share of wins down the line.

***Kinston (2-4) - The Kinston Bulldogs lost leading scorer Ara Moore to injuries suffered in a car accident Friday morning and were flat in a Friday night loss to New Brownstock, but rebounded Saturday night and defeated Pleasant Home on the road to get their second win of the season. The loss of Moore, a 6'6" guard, hurt an already slim Bulldog roster; however, the win over the Eagles had to sooth some wounds, and may be the shot of confidence they so badly needed.

***DAUPHIN (4-0) - The Elba Junior High Tigers pulled ahead early and held on late to edge the Dauphin Dolphins, last Monday night in Enterprise.

The Tigers pulled out to a 26-20 halftime lead, then held on in the final seconds to post the exciting win.

Tim Ware scored 18 points and Wayne Reed added 12 to lead Elba, while Fluellen scored 12 for Dauphin.

Elba (45): Lawford 9, Reed 12, Kelley 1, Coleman 5, Ware 18.

Dauphin (44): Tomberlin 6, Stoudemire 8, Kyles 1, Moultrie 5, Fluellen 12.

ELBA RTH 44
DAUPHIN 44

The Elba Junior High Tigers pulled out a big first quarter lead and never looked back to down Dauphin 44-37.

The Tigers jumped out to a 16-5 lead in the opening stanza and turned back a late rally to take the win.

Anthony Stoudemire scored 15 points and Zel Daniels added 11 to lead Elba, while Jennings scored 12 for Dauphin.

I agree that grades must come first; however, schools that are a part of the Alabama High School Athletic Association should follow the guidelines of the organization, and I am afraid that the board members in Anniston will see a cutback in the number of students at its schools in years to come as many student-athletes transfer to schools that abide by the less stringent standards. It is simply too obvious an alternative.

POLISH PROGNOSTICATOR PUTS DOWN PEN

Yo! Ole Polish Prognosticator looked tired when he stopped by the office over the weekend, and said he was glad that another high school football season was finally down to a close. The local guesspert hit on 10 of 12 picks last week to move his playoff total to 68-16, and improve his seasonal mark to 451-98, which ain't too bad at any level. Here are this week's championship picks:

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Fayette County 21 T.R. Miller 17
Colbert Co. 10 UMS-Wright 7
Clay County 28 Lineville 7
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Elba cheerleaders Laura Crowe and Bonnie Vaughan have had plenty of reasons to smile this season as the Tigers have won five of their first six games.

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Sports

Improve record to 5-1

Tigers wallop Warriors 81-63

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The Elba B team claimed its first win of the season by running past Dale County 40-22.

The Tigers extended a 7-4 first quarter lead into a 21-10 halftime bulge, and coasted in with the win.

Wesley Johnson scored 11 points for Elba.

Elba (44): Salter 6, Stoudemire 15, Daniels 11, Moultrie 2, Brooks 6, D'phin 37, Grimes 3, Bensch 10, Pate 8, Johnson 2, Jenkins 12, Healey 2.

ELBA JR. 48
DAUPHIN 48

The Elba Junior High Tigers pulled ahead in the second half and pulled away late to surprise the Enterprise Junior High Wildcats 19-19, to their record to 5-2.

Following are complete junior highlights:

ELBA JR. 48
DAUPHIN 44

The Elba Junior High Tigers pulled ahead early and held on late to edge the Dauphin Dolphins, last Monday night.

The Tigers pulled out to a 14-10 lead after one quarter and two more after the half and pulled away late to claim the 44-41 win.

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After hearing Jordan's request, Commissioner Robert Stephens said that he was not aware that the commission had made any such policy.

All the commissioners voiced their support of the local rescue squads and the service that they render to all the citizens of Coffee County.

The commissioners agreed to look into the matter.

Other items of business coming before the commission were as follows:

***Heard a request from Ms. Vera Bradley concerning removal of an indigent person. After explaining what the county could do (financially) legally, commissioners agreed to study the problem.

***Commission Chairman Tom Grimsley appointed Commissioners Linda Westbrook, Doug Dalrymple, and Barbara Brooks to serve on the road committee. Dalrymple was named chairman.

***Upon the recommendation of the landfill committee, credit was extended to the Southern Recycling Corp.

***Passed a resolution entering into an agreement with the state on the widening and resurfacing of Co. Rd. 107 from Co. Rd. 105 to Al. Hwy. 51. This is part of the FY '97 Federal Aid Resurfacing Program. Construction should begin around mid-March 1997.

***County employees were given December 24th as a paid holiday.

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Other actions taken by the council were as follows:

***Heard a complaint from Steve Phipps concerning trash on Phipps Street, concerning a bill received for trash pick-up. Councilman Ricky Strickland and Patton are to get together and work out a solution.

***Passed a resolution prohibiting the use of any tobacco products in any municipal building or city owned vehicle.

***Granted a one-time pay raise of \$50 for full-time employees and \$25 for part-time employees.

***Voted to retain the firm of Barr, Brunson, Wilkerson & Bowden as the town's auditors.

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New rates for general service customers, effective November 20, 1996, are:

First	300 Cubic Feet	\$5.000 Minimum
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Over	20,000 Cubic Feet	\$0.5830 Per CCF

New rates for industrial customers using the regular industrial interruptible rate, effective December 1, 1996, are:

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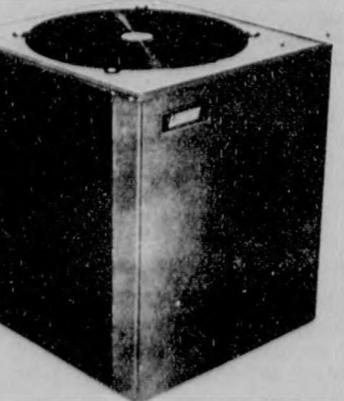
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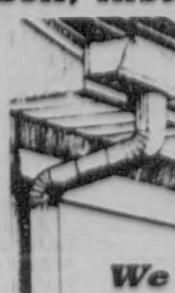
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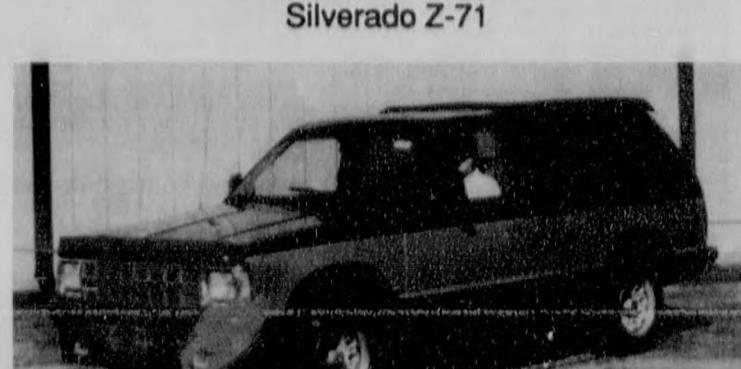
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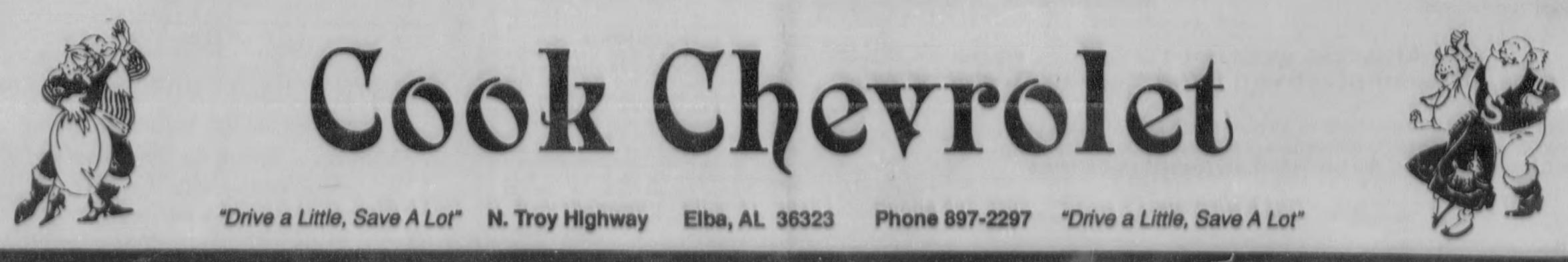
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Coffee County Schools receive report card

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

The State of Alabama's State Superintendent of Education released the first report card on schools in the state's 127 school districts in the state.

This concept of letting the schools know how they are measuring up was initiated by State Superintendent Ed Richardson.

Not only is the report card easy for educators to read, it can also be easily interpreted by parents of children in the system.

The report card provides indicators of the school system's performance and gives it a grade of A, B, C, D or F.

Below is the report card containing test score data compiled from the Stanford Achievement Test (SAT) in grades 3 through 11; the high school exit exam; and the writing tests in grades 5 through 7.

Also included is data on enrollment, average daily attendance, current expenditures per pupil in average daily attendance; the percentage of students eligible for free/reduced price on lunches; percentage of teachers with advanced degrees; percentage of federal and local revenues and local taxes offered for schools.

Roger Bowden, Superintendent of Coffee County Schools, stated: "We received a B on the Stanford Achievement Test system wide. This is something we are very proud of."

He added, "Our scores went up in every grade level except grades 3 and 5."

"Our students performed admirably in the exit exam making two B's and a C," Bowden said. "There is room for improvement here and we will strive to do better."

Bowden has worked with each of the principals in the county system's three schools and emphasized to them the importance of doing well on the report card.

Next year, in lieu of a system-wide report card, each school will receive one.

Following is a breakdown of performance and other indicators for the report card.

1. SAT (Stanford Achievement Test) percentile score by grade:

Grade 3 - 60 (1994-95); 54 (1995-96).

Grade 4 - 54 (1994-95); 63 (1995-96).

Grade 5 - 62 (1994-95); 59 (1995-96).

Grade 6 - 53 (1994-95); 69 (1995-96).

Grade 7 - 43 (1994-95); 58 (1995-96).

Grade 8 - 50 (1994-95); 60 (1995-96).

Grade 9 - 52 (1994-94); 62 (1995-96).

Grade 10 - 53 (1994-95); 55 (1995-96).

Grade 11 - 46 (1994-95); 57 (1995-96).

The 50th percentile is the national average on SAT comparing students' performance in reading, mathematics, language, science and social studies.

2. SAT Average:

Grades 3-11: 52 (C+) (1994-95);

3. System OLSAT (Otis-Lennon School Ability Test):

Grades 3-11: 48 (1994-95); 57 (1995-96). The state average is 50 percentiles.

4. ACT Test Scores (1994-95):

20.3. (The national average is 20.8 and the state average is 19.3.

5. High School Exit Exam:

Reading: 92 (B) (1994-95); 90 (B)

Language: 80 (C-) (1994-95); 81 (C) (1995-96).

Math: 83 (C) (1994-95); 90 (B) (1995-96).

The state average is 86% for reading, 82% for mathematics, and 78% for language.

13.72 students in 1994-95; 2,094 students in 1995-96.

7. Average Daily Attendance:

96.9% in 1994-95; 95.8% in 1995-96. The state average is 94.96.1%.

8. Current Expenditures Per Child in ADA (average daily attendance):

\$4,416.00 (1994-95). The state average is \$4,458 while the Southern Regional Board states' average is \$4,220.

9. Free/Reduced Lunch Eligibility:

42% in 1994-95.

10. Professional Certification:

AA Certificate above: 4.3% in

1994-95; 3.2% in 1995-96.

Grade 3 - (Class A) Certificate: 43.6% in 1994-95; 45.2% in 1995-96.

Bachelor's ((Class B) Certificate: 52.1% in 1994-95; 50.8% in 1995-96).

11. Total Revenues (1994-95):

Percent State Revenue - 68.1

(state average is 69.3 and national average is 46).

Percent Local Revenue - 18.8

(state average is 19.3 and national average is 46.7);

Percent Federal Revenue - 13.3

(state average is 11.3 and national average is 7.2).

This is the total amount of revenue

collected locally, minus insurance

and tuition, for public school pur-

poses divided by the value of one

regular district mill of value per

student.

The state average is 36.1 mills

equivalent.

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